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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 16, 2001

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Sasaki called the meeting of April 16, 2001 to order at 9:12 am.

Commissioners present: Arlo E. Smith, J.K. Sasaki, and Michael C. Palmer. (Commission Chairman John E. Hensley arrived at 9:13.)

Staff present: Robert Traverso (Interim Executive Secretary), D. Rene Stwora-Hail (Acting Chief Counsel), Nancy Bither (Interim Personnel Officer).

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to the absence of a flag.

Agenda Item 3. Review and approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 25, 2001

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve and Commissioner Smith seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Closed Session

Commissioner Sasaki announced, "We will now adjourn to closed session. We will be discussing Agenda Item 4 and we will also discuss potential litigation that has arisen since the publication of the agenda, but which need to discuss now, in order to comply with legally imposed deadlines. Unfortunately, we can't announce the nature of the litigation or the parties involved, as to do so would jeopardize our ability to effectuate service of process of such parties." Chairman Hensley announced that the Commission would be going to closed session to discuss litigation and personnel issues and that the open session would resume in approximately two hours.

Agenda Item 6. Reconvene Open Session

Chairman Hensley reconvened the open session at 11:20 am. He indicated that there was nothing to report. No decisions were made concerning the personnel issues and that the litigation matters had taken longer than anticipated. Chairman Hensley further indicated that at the end of the open session, the Commission would be reconvening the closed session to complete their litigation discussion.

Agenda Item 7. Public Comment

The Chairman invited public comment from anyone wishing to address the Commission.

- Sandra Martez asked several questions of the Commission concerning goals, experience in Indian Country and overlap of duties with the Attorney General's Office.
- Gail Marshall, a Santa Barbara County Supervisor, expressed concerns about gambling expansion and the lack of response from the Governor and Commission on several issues that had been forwarded via letter to the Governor. She indicated her support in extending the May 15, 2001 deadline.
- Chrysan Dosh from Shingle Springs discussed AB 1564 concerning an interchange off of Highway 50 and asked that the bill be defeated or vetoed by the Governor.
- Tony Cohen spoke of the limited jurisdiction of the Commission and refuted the statements made by Chrysan Dosh.
- Joe O'Neill discussed the possible building of a casino within the city of Oxnard. He expressed his opposition and that any request for a Compact be denied by the Governor and that the tribe proposing the casino has no ancestral connection to this area of California, that the tribe's ancestral ties are to Plumas County which is hundreds of miles from Oxnard.
- ----- Refuted the comments made by Gail Marshall of Santa Barbara.
- Dr. Manuel Lopez, the Mayor of Oxnard, expressed his opposition to the proposed casino in Oxnard and asked that the desires of local residents be considered when considering siting of a gambling establishment.
- Rabbi John Sherwood discussed social gambling issues and requested that careful consideration be made when siting a casino. He is opposed to the siting of a casino within the city of Oxnard.
- Cheryl Schmidt requested the Commission monitor Federal legislation to ensure citizens' rights are not circumvented as happened with the Lytton band getting non-ancestral land put into trust after the deadline.
- Rod Blonien spoke in support of AB 1229, which covers Internet gambling.
- Fred Jones requested clarifying information of the Commission.
- Paul Shuman questioned when the distribution of Revenue Sharing Trust Fund funds would be taking place. Commissioner Hensley indicated that he hoped within the next 90 days funds could be disbursed.

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- Gregg Cook of the Irvine I. Moskowitz Foundation spoke about SB 832 concerning bingo regulation. There were three areas in which he expressed concerns and that the Commission consider when developing regulations, should the bill pass. These areas include the number of days a bingo parlor can operate, the prohibition of security personnel in handling cash, and the definition of volunteer (one who can not accept a tip).
- Patrick McCullum spoke in support of SB 832 as it is currently written.

Agenda Item 8. General Commission Comments

Commissioner Smith moved that the Commission conditionally support SB 832. However, it was determined that, before the Commission could take this action, the item would need to be placed on the agenda. Discussion concerning this bill will be included on the next agenda.

At approximately 12:30pm, Chairman Hensley indicated that since there was no further comment, the Commission would move to Closed Session.

Agenda Item 9. Next Meeting

The Commission reconvened at approximately 1:53pm and set the next meeting for May 2, 2001.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm.